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LABOUR
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PROJECT FOR CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revieved the Welfare schemes being run for the child labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints from States regarding non-implementation of programmes relating to rehabilitation of child labour; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last two year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of children withdrawn from work namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

The Projects are continuously monitored through receipt of periodical reports and returns and reviews at the Centre, State and District levels. A Central Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of Labour Secretary, has also been set up for the overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the NCLPs.The working of child labour projects has recently been reviewed in a National Conference on Child Labour held in January, 2001. Large scale Evaluation of selected NCLPs has also recently been taken up. Completed Evaluations have shown that the magnitude of the child labour problem can be considerably reduced through the rehabilitation measures by the projects.

(c) to (d): Complaints have been received from time to time regarding the functioning of the NGOs. Whenever such complaints are received the matter is enquired into and action initiated. Where complaints pertain to financial irregularities, action including the refunding of Grants-in-aid has been initiated. In such cases State Governments have also been advised where necessary to initiate prosecution proceedings against such NGOs.